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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Mayor:  
W. W. HARRIS,  
GEO. E. HADLEY.

### LO, THE POOR ASTORS!

Very likely the junior branch of the Astor estate has been transmitted in bulk to a single beneficiary for the last time. The preliminary inventory shows a total value of \$78,000,000, of which under the will \$68,000,000 goes in a block to William Vincent Astor. It is well understood there is no natural right of transmitting property by will. Colonel Astor bequeathed this estate and his son received it only by permission of society; and if the young man reaches the normal expectancy of life we hardly believe society at that time will be granting permission for a similar transaction. True, the estate paid an inheritance tax of \$3,000,000—considerably less than a year's income; but that is a low price for permission to perpetuate so anti-democratic and anti-social an institution as the Astor fortune. It is perfectly feasible, constitutional and just to frame such an inheritance tax that the cost of handing such a huge estate to a single beneficiary would be prohibitive, thereby compelling the testator to split it up.

We believe everybody should have every encouragement to produce as much wealth as possible; but endowing a young man with a great fortune is not a good way to make him a productive member of society. We do not think anyone's productive capacity

ity would be lessened by forbidding him to bequeath sixty million dollars, or even twenty, to an individual. The original John Jacob Astor would have pursued the fur trade just as assiduously if he had known he could not transmit his Manhattan farms to a single heir.—Saturday Evening Post.

That President Taft did his best and is still exerting every effort to build up a strong republican machine, is evidenced by his placing \$5,000 fourth class postmasters under the civil service at one fell swoop, and the ousting of Roosevelt federal office holders and the substitution of republicans. Our idea of a government of, for, and by the people, is that no party should be permitted to build up a machine, and to this end we do not believe there should be any life tenure in office, except the judges of the United States supreme court.

The Eagle has noticed the following squib in half a dozen papers recently: "Not one man in a hundred has sense enough to take care of money after he inherits it."

To save our life we can't see any cause for weeping in the fact, if it be a fact. Money makes the wheels go round, and when a fortune is busted up and turned loose, it generally falls into somebody's hands who does not know how to take care of it.

Albert T. Patrick's brother-in-law advised him to go out and "lose himself." Patrick says himself that during the twelve years of his incarceration he lost his "perspective," in other words, his bearings. Such being the case it is doubtful if he could "come back" and the wise thing for Albert would be to take the "tip" handed him by his kinsman.

Eugene Nolte says the president fired him "by wire." Eugene talks as if he believed the reason the president used the wire was because there was no way to convey the information faster.—Houston Post.

It certainly was a case of political lightning, but struck in the wrong place.

A Wisconsin man who had just won a jackpot dropped dead before he could rake in the chips. That is what we call hard luck.—Houston Post.

He is certainly right in the class with the fellow who was killed by a stack of coffins falling on him while selecting a casket for his wife.

A news item is headed, "Fancy Hosiery No Lower." We think it a blessed good thing, considering the abbreviated length of the skirt now in vogue.



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A news item is headed, "Turkey Still Holding Out." Ours gave out Saturday. We wound up on hash for dinner, but it was plum good to the very last.

It is said Col. Cecil Lyon is going to take a trip to Europe. We don't blame him. The slaughter of his innocents is too horrible to witness.

It is to be hoped our congressmen during the short session will not overlook the "garden seed" for early spring planting.

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A tip doesn't always come to the man who waits.

When a man develops into a growler it's time to rush him.

If a woman has a good dressmaker she can be fairly happy part of the time.

It takes a romantic woman to arrange for the marriage of her children before they are born.

You'll not be able to throw any more light on the subject by burning your candle at both ends.

Yes, Cordelia, there were false prophets centuries before the weather bureau was established.

Every woman should have an aim

in life, even if she can't throw a stone with any degree of accuracy.

There are more crazy men than crazy women—probably because the latter change their minds so often.

Of course love is blind, but it might be just as well to remember that the eyesight of the neighbors is good.

A blasé man is one who can't be tempted because there are no new brands of temptation for him to yield to.

The man who takes no interest in public schools, good roads, religion or politics isn't even a satisfactory has-been.

If some men would quit looking for a soft political snap and stick to their regular employment they would be better off financially.

If a woman is anxious to see her husband as other people see him, she should induce him to run for office, then read the opposition papers.

## MORE ABOUT FIRE INSURANCE

By L. M. HEWIT.

In the November 21 issue of the Galveston News appeared the following editorial:

"The state fire insurance board ordered a reduction of 17 cents in the key rate of Del Rio, 15 cents because of a reduction in the fire loss over a three-year period and 2 cents because of a standing reward for the arrest of any incendiary who may operate in that town. A few days previously it ordered reductions in key rates, ranging from 6 cents to 15 cents, of Stephenville, Stamford, Bastrop, Elgin, Floresville, Kerrville, Seguin and Wharton. Several reasons were assigned for these reductions, the most common being a lessened fire loss over a period of three years. A number of other towns have applications pending for reductions in their key rates. Here is concrete evidence that this much reviled statute has possibilities of good. It may be that, even with these reductions, the rates of fire insurance in these towns will be as high, or possibly higher, than they were before enactment of this law; but that would not prove the law a failure. It would only indicate that the general fire conditions in these towns are still unnecessarily hazardous. The immediate purpose of this law is to lessen the fire hazard, reduce the fire waste, both as an end good in itself and as a cause of reducing the cost of insurance. That it is already achieving the first of these purposes is evidenced by the citations made, and that it will achieve the other end, if it has not already done so in some degree, we have no doubt if only it is allowed to continue to exert its irresistible influence.

This is only one more of many efforts of the fire rating board and its political friends to soothe the public to sleep until after the Thirty-third legislature shall have passed into history.

The Bryan Commercial Club last spring took up the fight against the arbitrary increase of insurance rates made by the rating board, and has always contended that the law as enforced created a trust which was in itself illegal. The contention has been made that the only real relief would come through the abolishment of the board and repeal of the law. The club presented its contention to the democratic state convention and a demand for repeal of the law was incorporated in the platform. The repeal of the law was favored by the governor, and nearly two-thirds of the members of the next legislature have pledged themselves to this relief. As soon as this becomes evident to the board and the insurance companies they begin to hand out soothing syrup. Austin had made a request early last spring for a credit based upon her low loss rate, but the answer came that "this rate is for the whole state and must stand, as a reduction would be a discrimination." But after the democratic state convention the board immediately re-

verses its own decision by issuing orders that cities showing a certain percentage or less of fire loss for the three preceding years were entitled to a credit upon its key rate.

If this was true in August, it was true in April. The fact is that it never was nor never will be true. A schedule of rates must be equal at all points, or they are discriminatory. If Mr. A has a loss by fire it does not follow that his insurance rate shall exceed the rate paid by Mr. B. for the same hazard. Again, any city that will publish a standing reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of an incendiary in the town shall receive a reduction of 2 cents. This is the most harmless opiate ever administered to an energetic patient, and its effect is absolutely harmless because its so easy to understand. Now comes along a grist of small towns receiving reductions upon the particular reasons mentioned, and of course the board is careful to have the fact given as wide publicity as possible, but again the board overstepped its mark. In the editorial above quoted: "It may be that even with these reductions, the rates of fire insurance in these towns will be as high or possibly higher than they were before the enactment of this law." The fact is that 75 per cent of the risks over the state would be higher than they were before the enactment of the law, if the key rate was but one cent. This is brought about by an indiscriminate system of penalization.

Again the editorial affirms: "The immediate purpose of this law is to lessen the fire hazard, reduce the fire waste, both as an end good in itself and as a cause of reduction the cost of insurance. That it has already achieved the first of these purposes is evidenced by the citations made." The citations made cover the records for a period of the three last immediate years. The law became effective a year ago, therefore it could not affect the hazard or waste for the three preceding years. The only effective remedy for fire waste is to be secured through effective building inspection. Put the fire insurance business back on a competitive basis and let each company sell its commodity at its own rate. The fact that some of the very companies doing business through their Texas agents accept Texas business from outside agents at one-half the Texas fire rating board's rate is sufficient reason for this demand.

The present energetic work of key rate reductions is a blind and should not be allowed to conceal the true situation at this time, because the blind will be quickly removed if its handlers are allowed to survive the Thirty-third legislature.

## Amusements

The Musical "Madame Sherry." "Madame Sherry," the sensational musical production of a decade, is to be presented at the Colonial Theatre next Tuesday night, December 10.

Each year in the theatrical world there are just so many successes—plays that immediately grip the public and cause them to go to the theatre night after night and applaud and enjoy the work of the artists appearing. Then out of these few successes there is generally one that strikes a note much higher—so much so that it stands practically alone. Such an one was "Madame Sherry." Its success was immediate and lasting, as was verified by the hundreds of thousands who flocked to see it wherever produced. Seats on sale Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

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